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IMPROVED MULTI-LAYER FOR

GOLF BALL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/870,585, filed on June 6, 1997, which is a file wrapper continuing application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/556,237, filed November 9, 1995, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/542,793 filed on October 13, 1995, which is in turn a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/070,510 filed on June 1, 1993.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the present claims as follows:

- 2. (Amended) A golf ball according to claim 1, wherein the inner cover layer has a thickness of about 0.100 to about 0.010 inches and the outer cover layer has a thickness of about 0.010 to about 0.070 inches, the golf ball having the properties required by the U.S.G.A. and having an overall diameter of 1.680 inches or more.
- 3. (Amended) A golf ball according to claim 1 wherein the inner cover layer has a thickness of about 0.050 inches and the outer cover layer has a thickness of about 0.055 inches, the golf ball having the properties required by the U.S.G.A. and having an overall diameter of 1.680 inches or more.
 - 6. (Amended) A multi-layer golf ball comprising: a spherical core;

an inner cover layer molded over said spherical core to form a spherical intermediate ball, said inner cover layer comprising an ionomeric resin having no more than 16% by weight of an alpha, beta-unsaturated carboxylic acid and having a modulus of from about 15,000 to about 70,000 psi;

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an outer cover layer molded over said spherical intermediate ball to form a multi-layer golf ball, the outer layer comprising a non-ionomeric elastomer selected from the group consisting of polyester elastomer, polyester, polyether polyurethane and polyester amide, said outer cover layer having a modulus in a range of about 1,000 to about 30,000 psi.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the present amendments be entered. It is believed that the present amendments place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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